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**SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

May 28th, 2026
6:30pm – 9:00 pm

**This meeting is held virtually via Zoom and in person at
Osceola Street Elementary School
14940 Osceola Street, Sylmar, CA 91342**

**Please use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86423239940> to join webinar; and/or,
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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE SYLMAR NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

Public comment cannot be required to be submitted in advance of the meeting, only real-time public comment is required. If there are any broadcasting interruptions that prevent the public from observing or hearing the meeting, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned. If members of the public are unable to provide public comment or be heard due to issues within the Neighborhood Council's control, the meeting must be recessed or adjourned.

Every person wishing to address the Board must dial (669) 900-6833 and enter 864 2323 9940 and then press # to join the meeting. Instructions on how to sign up for public comment will be given to listeners at the start of the meeting.

In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken

on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting may be challenged pursuant to Section 54960.1.

California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(3).

The legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(4).**

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate.

California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(5),

A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6(A),

A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6)(B).

PUBLIC INPUT AT NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL MEETINGS The public is requested dial *9, when prompted by the presiding officer, to address the Board on any agenda item before the Board takes an action on an item. Comments from the public on agenda items will be heard only when the respective item is being considered. Comments from the public on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a member of the public may become the subject of a future Board meeting. Public comment is limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding officer of the Board.

The Neighborhood Council system enables meaningful civic participation for all Angelenos and serves as a voice for improving government responsiveness to local communities and their needs. We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Housekeeping:** Sign-in Sheets, Speaker Cards for public comments, Recording and Timekeeper, facilities information.
4. **Pledge of Allegiance**
5. **Public Comment:** Matters not appearing on the agenda. (2 minutes per person)
6. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Standing agenda item while there are vacant seat(s) on the SNC Governing Board. There are a total of 17 Seats on the Council with 16 of those seats being currently filled. Open seat is an At-Large Seat. If interested contact the SNC Executive Committee at executiveboard@syilmarnc.org for an application and for the next steps process.

7. **Public Official & Community Representative announcements and presentations:** followed by public announcements. Up to (5) minutes per report.

A. Los Angeles Police Department (Mission Division)

Senior Lead Officers: Keith Crawford or Joseph Carter

Officer Crawford - 38491@lapd.online , Officer Carter - 38835@lapd.online

B. Los Angeles City Council District 7 / Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez

Field Representative: Monica Benavides; monica.benavides@lacity.org

C. Los Angeles Mayor / Karen Bass

Field Deputy: Genesis Discua; Genesis.Discua@lacity.org

D. Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors 3rd District / Lindsey Horvath

Field Deputy: Kimberly Perez Solis; KSolis@bos.lacounty.gov

E. California State Assembly 43rd District / Celeste Rodriguez

Field Rep: Fabian Alonso; Fabian.Alonso@asm.ca.gov

F. California Congressional District 29 / Congresswoman Luz Rivas

Field Deputy: Cynthia Becerra, cynthia.becerra@mail.house.gov

G. California State Senate District 20 / Caroline Menjivar

District Rep: Star Resendez; star.resendez@sen.ca.gov

H. Department of Neighborhood Empowerment

Advocate: Vincent Autiero, vincent.autiero@lacity.org

8. **Presentation:** Introduction to Los Angeles City Controller candidates, the Los Angeles City Controller serves as the city's chief accounting officer, auditor, and paymaster, overseeing all financial operations and conducting audits of city departments.

The candidates are:

- **Kenneth Mejia**
- **Zach Sokoloff**

Each candidate will be given time for a 5-minute introductory presentation.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action:** SNC to Approve April 23rd, 2026 General Board Meeting Minutes.

10. **Presentation:** Los Angeles County Board of Public Works, is planning several restoration projects near the Sylmar area, including the Pacoima Reservoir Restoration Project. The department will provide an update on plans for these projects.

Contact Person: Alex Ho; Civil Engineer; albho@dpw.lacounty.gov, (626) 458-6119

11. **Discussion and Possible Action:** Vote to submit a letter of support for the Safe Clean Water L.A. Design Project: Pacoima Wash Greenway. The project will further a vision that has been nearly two decades in development, led by grassroots organization Pacoima Beautiful to transform the unused embankments along the 4-mile Pacoima Wash from an environmental burden into a community asset.

12. **Discussion and Possible Action:** EmpowerLA has handed down Brown Act directives regarding Hybrid board meeting attendance.

13. **Discussion:** Treasurer's Report

14. **Discussion and Possible Action:** The approval of the **April 2026** Monthly Expenditure Report (MER)
15. **Discussion and Possible Action:** SNC to approve an amount not to exceed \$100 for Canva License for 2026-2027.
16. **Discussion and Possible Action:** SNC to submit a **CIS** in support **Council File 26-0580: 16300 Foothill Boulevard / Fire Station Number 31 / General Plan Amendment / Zone Change**. Planning and Land Use Management Committee suggests a General Plan Amendment (GPA) and accompanying Zone Change (ZC) for the property located at 16300 Foothill Blvd for the use of the new Sylmar Fire Station 31.
17. **Discussion and Possible Action:** SNC to submit a CIS in reference to **Council File 25-0838: July 4th Holiday Weekend / Drone Pilot Program / High-Firework-Use Periods / Identification and Administrative Fines**. To more effectively manage the risks of fire during high-firework-use periods and enhance enforcement capabilities, the City Council has proposed that LAFD provide a report exploring the feasibility of innovative technologies such as drones to detect and record illegal firework activity in real time, enabling faster response and accountability.
18. **Discussion and Possible Action:** CINEMA Committee requires each committee to submit a proposal for a 1-minute outreach video related to their functions in the SNC. After a 2-week deadline (June 11) if there is no response, SNC CINEMA Committee may create material on the committees' behalf.

19. Discussion and Possible Action: SNC Committee Chair Reports

CINEMA Committee - Andres Rubalcava
 Budget - Chair George Ortega
 Bylaws - Felicia Bushwitz
 Education - Chair Jose Velasquez
 Equestrian - Chair Cheri Blose, Co-Chair Leah Blose
 Executive - Chair Kurt Cabrera-Miller
 Planning & Land Use - Chair Peter Postlmayr, Co-Chair Leah Blose
 Public Safety - Chair Jay Palmer
 Transportation - Chair Jeremy Steinert, Co-Chair Hiral Bhakta
 Outreach - Chair Isaac Middleton
 Bark-Tober – TBD

20. Discussion & Possible Action: SNC Liaison Reports

Homelessness Liaison - Kurt Cabrera-Miller
 LA City Charter Reform - Rebecca Zamora
 Film Liaison - Andres Rubalcava
 Sustainability Alliance Liaison - Felicia Bushwitz
 Animal Services - Lorri Roberts

21. Board Member updates and announcements.

22. President's closing remarks, acknowledgments and adjournment.

All Agenda items may include presentations, discussions and actions by the Committee for recommendations to the SNC Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may discuss the recommendations and take action on the item, which could result in a Community Impact Statement to the City and/or a position letter to a City agency.

The Stakeholders may comment on any Agenda item only when the item comes up for discussion. The Committee will determine the length of discussion and comment times. The attending stakeholders may be polled for their opinion on any Agenda item before the Committee takes action for a recommendation to the Board. Comments from the stakeholders on other matters not appearing on the agenda that are within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard during the General Public Comment period. Please note that under the Brown Act, the Board is prevented from acting on a matter that you bring to its attention during the General Public Comment period; however, the issue raised by a stakeholder may become the subject of a future Board meeting.

Any Committee action may be reconsidered following the Meeting when the original action occurred. A Committee Member makes a Motion for Reconsideration and if approved another vote on the issue takes place based on the reasoning for the reconsideration. The Committee Member must have been on the prevailing side of the action/issue.

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